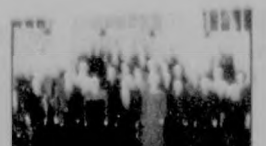


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Response team organized to assist out-of-work Dorsey employees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailer employees were greeted Thursday morning at the Elba Recreation Center by Elba Mayor James Grimes as they gathered for information at the hastily assembled Dorsey Response Team. The team was assembled to assist laid off Dorsey employees with unemployment benefits, job opportunities, retirement benefits, health insurance and personal or family problems. Prime movers in getting the response team together in such a short time included Mayor Grimes, Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Kaye Whitworth, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and the Elba Economic Development Corporation. Whitworth continues to be the contact person for Dorsey employees needing assistance.

Agencies on hand Thursday morning to assist and advise employees included Department of Human Resources, Dept. of Economic and Community Affairs, Elba Chamber of Commerce, Elba Economic Development Corporation,

Enterprise, Coffee, Geneva Economic Development Corporation, MacArthur State Technical College, Wallace Community College, Christian Mission Center and various health insurance providers.

The assembled employees and retirees, who could get into the building at the beginning heard Elba Mayor James Grimes explain that he had responded to a request from Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for assistance in coordinating a response team to get information and assistance to Dorsey Trailer employees who had just lost their jobs and to

get the details of this plan out to the area news media. Several hundred of the workers

union vote not to accept what amounted to about a 30% wage cut. The workers didn't know until

the workers' health insurance had been terminated effective November 11th and told the group that he

and Holley had drafted a letter to Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor and District Attorney Mark Fuller concerning this matter. Representative Spicer noted that there may not be any wrongdoing, but the workers have the right to know this, as they had in good faith paid their part of the insurance. "We expect them (the company) to pay their part," Spicer added. Spicer explained to the assembled

to the health insurance plan were still being deducted from pay checks.

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1. The remaining 320 employees would be notified of permanent lay-off by mail "tomorrow."

2. Bankruptcy is imminent.

3. Health insurance benefits lapsed, effective November 11, 2000.

4. Employees will receive their last paycheck on Friday, December 1, 2000.

5. No vacation taken after November 24, 2000 will be paid. Vacation remaining on the books will not be paid.

6. Employees can pick up their tools on Thursday and Friday.

The two union reps said their legal department was looking into what could be violations of the law in the termination of the health insurance retroactive to November 11th, while employee contributions to the health insurance plan were still being deducted from pay checks.

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DECEMBER

Alberta Martin Day celebration held

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The City of Elba celebrated Alberta Martin Day on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Elba Nursing Home with a reception and birthday party.

Mrs. Martin, a longtime Elba resident who now resides in the Elba Nursing Home, is recognized throughout the country as the only living Confederate widow. As a part of the nation's heritage, the unique status Mrs. Martin holds has allowed her to travel and be recognized all over the country.

"Since 1996, we have set aside one day each year to honor Mrs. Martin," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "In the past, Alberta Martin Day was held in September; however, this year someone suggested we honor her on her actual birthday."

Thus, Alberta Martin Day was moved to Dec. 4, and those who attended the reception were also able to help Mrs. Martin celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Martin celebrated her 94th birthday on Monday with many family, friends and companions present. She was honored with a birthday cake and punch. The celebration room in which the celebration was held contained special decorations of birthday cards. The cards were from all over the country, and each had a special message wishing Mrs. Martin well on her birthday.

On Saturday, Mrs. Martin will celebrate another special mark in her life when she celebrates the 73rd anniversary of her marriage to

The Elba COC sponsoring Countdown at the Courthouse

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual "Countdown at the Courthouse" on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Plans have been made to ring out the old and ring in the new with a big celebration.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. There will be entertainment by local musicians, cloggers, drama teams and singers. At the stroke of midnight, a lighted ball will drop from the top of the courthouse. A fireworks display will begin and hundreds of balloons will be released.

Make your plans now to be in Elba on the Courthouse Square to celebrate the beginning of the New Year.



Kaye Whitworth (right), executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, visits with Mrs. Alberta Martin, the only living Confederate widow, Monday afternoon during a reception and birthday party in honor of Mrs. Martin. The Elba Chamber of Commerce celebrates Mrs. Martin's historic past once a year on Alberta Martin Day.

Confederate veteran William Jasper Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married on Dec. 9, 1927 at the Covington County Courthouse. This Saturday, Mrs. Martin will return to this spot which began her historic journey as the Sons of Confederate Veterans Covington Rifles Camp #1586 presents "A Historic Confederate Anniversary."

Mrs. Martin will serve as the grand marshal of Andalusia's annual Christmas parade on Saturday morning, Dec. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. Confederate mounted and foot soldiers will accompany Mrs. Martin through the downtown streets and past the courthouse in which she said "I do" 73 years ago.

Following the parade, everyone will return to the courthouse at approximately 12 noon for an afternoon of food, fun and music as this special celebration continues. Several special guests are scheduled to speak during this time.

There will be no admission charge to this event, and everyone

NOTICE

Dorsey employees who need health insurance can contact the Alabama Health Insurance Plan (AHIP) at 1-877-619-2447.

Dorsey Trailers files Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Late Monday afternoon, Dorsey Trailers, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in U. S. Middle District Court in Montgomery. As of Tuesday afternoon the case had not yet been entered into the court's computer system and therefore no schedule of hearings, assigned judge, or other information was available.

A case filed under the United States chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code is frequently referred to as a "reorganization" bankruptcy. In the case of a successful petition to the court, the successful petitioner automatically assumes an additional identity as the "debtor in possession." The term refers to a

debtor that keeps possession and control of its assets while undergoing a reorganization under chapter 11.

A written disclosure statement and a plan of reorganization must be filed with the court. The disclosure statement must contain information concerning the assets, liabilities, and business affairs of the debtor sufficient to enable a creditor to make an informed judgment about the debtor's plan of reorganization.

The bankruptcy judge has the authority to grant an automatic stay, which provides for a period of time in which all judgments, collections activities, foreclosures,

and repossessions of property are suspended and may not be pursued by the creditors on any debt or claim that arose before the filing of the bankruptcy petition.

Rules of the bankruptcy court allow a "debtor in possession" a one-time right to convert the chapter 11 case to chapter 7 bankruptcy.

The debtor in possession has 120 days to file a plan of reorganization. Also under the chapter 11 case, a liquidating plan is permissible. Such a plan often allows the debtor in possession to liquidate the business under more economically advantageous circumstances than a chapter 7 liquidation.

hours before the meeting that their Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance had been terminated retroactively, effective November 11. They had questions about health insurance and what had happened to the insurance premiums which had continued to be deducted from their pay checks.

Representative Spicer stood in a chair and addressed the group of workers. He reassured them that their plight was not forgotten and that he and Senator Holley were working to ease their burden. "We are here with you. We're not going to leave you every day and we know your families," Spicer said. He continued, "We know that some folks are going to be affected in different ways. We just want you to know we feel your loss of jobs and are here to help you."

Spicer addressed the news that

employees that Kaye Whitworth, executive director of Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba Economic Development Corporation will serve as point of contact for the employees needing information and/or assistance. Whitworth's phone numbers are 897-3125 or 897-1700. Tuesday Whitworth said she was working on getting jobs for individual laid-off workers, but the process was slow. She added, "Any person we match with an open job is one more family off the unemployed list."

A copy of a letter from the Business Representative of IAM & AW District Lodge 75 to the union International, dated November 29th, related verbal information the representatives had received the previous day from Dorsey management still working at the plant. The letter was signed by Business Representative

per police officer for a total of twelve. The officers have no arrest powers except at the direction of a certified officer and they do not drive patrol vehicles; however they are allowed to carry a weapon. They receive the same in-house training as regular officers and they do have to qualify (fire their weapon and meet minimum standards on a firing range) in the same manner as full-time and part-time officers. They receive no compensation for their service to the town.

Later in the meeting, the council did approve paying for workman's compensation insurance for the reserve officers. The annual cost to the town is \$73 per officer.

Ms. Susan Steck addressed the council and told them of Enterprise State Junior College's plans to construct a new building on campus. It will be used for three different purposes: (1) a portion of the facility will be dedicated to the performing and cultural arts; (2) an area for training for business and industry; and (3) another area will be used for continuing education and community activities.

Members of the council were given a prepared booklet showing the floor plan and architectural sketches of what the building will look like when finished.

The total cost of the new facility is projected to be \$6 million. Steck told council members that area businesses and communities are being asked to assist college officials in raising about \$1.5 million of the projected cost. The remaining revenue is expected to come from county, state and federal sources.

"We're coming to ask you to help with that public portion," Steck told council members. "We're asking your city to make a donation - a financial donation - to our campaign."

"We are not proposing an amount. We're asking you to do what is within your means to show

that your town is in favor to such a degree that you will put some money toward this building project."

At the recommendation of Mayor Charles Cole, the council went on record as "totally supporting the project to best of the town's ability - financially or whatever the need might be."

Turning to finances, Mayor Cole reported that the town's ending balance in the "checkbook" was \$38,665.90 as of 10/31/2000. The cash flow through the town's coffers for the month of November was \$31,561.61 giving a total of \$70,227.51. The expenses incurred during the month (through 11/30/2000) totaled \$38,873.28 leaving a balance in the "checkbook" of \$31,354.23.

The council approved payment of bills totaling \$24,676.60.

Police Chief Gilbert began the reports to the council from department heads. He reported that his department had responded to 12 incidents, made 11 arrests on warrants, investigated 1 traffic accident and issued 8 traffic citations. Also, he told council members that his officers had assisted state and county agencies on six other occasions.

Chief Gilbert reported that the fire department had responded to one house fire and one vehicle fire during the month.

NEWS BRIEF

Drug arrests continue on those individuals indicted by a recent Coffee County grand jury. Arrested last week was Derek Allen Marler, 20-year-old W.M., 4270 Hwy. 125, Elba, one charge of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance - marijuana. He was released on a \$10,000.00 bond.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

About a week ago The New York Times wrote what is probably one of billions of editorials relating to the 2000 US presidential election. We should have saved the whole article because it was probably the best long range truth about the situation that has been written. They didn't try to predict the rightful (nor ultimate) winner of the presidential vote but looked past the present uproar. It was their prediction that after this is over there are a lot of people who will be ashamed of some of the things they said or did... or at least they should be ashamed. Of course each of us can find our own favorites to point that accusing finger at, and it is most often "them", but the Times was probably correct in many, many cases.

Another truth discovered within the past week just popped up in our casual reading and was written a bit earlier... like hundreds and hundreds of years ago, but Americans need this tidbit taped on the refrigerator with the other important notes, especially around election time. One of the oft quoted "thinkers" studied and believed by many of the world's greatest leaders - the philosopher Plato said, "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." The world needs to be constantly trying to improve the quality of our politicians, not ignoring the whole process, and Plato believed all citizens must participate for that to take place... we agree.

Last Thursday morning there was a 10 a.m. announced Dorsey Response Team of key agencies standing by to assist and answer questions from Dorsey Trailer employees. Our thoughts were that there would be some people wandering in throughout the hours the group was available. Much to our surprise the place was swamped at the opening bell! The parking lot was full and vehicles were parked up and down the street and police were on hand to direct traffic. Workers who were suddenly laid off due to the closing of the plant and hit with the double whammy of finding out hours earlier that their group health insurance had been canceled were looking for answers and they wanted (needed) them fast. We salute Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Elba Mayor James Grimes for foreseeing this need and quickly putting together the team.

Apparently Dorsey Trailer management has filed a bankruptcy petition in an effort to gain time for reorganization and/or selling the company. No statements have been released, but Chapter 11 bankruptcy papers were filed late Monday in Montgomery.

Investment advisors and health insurance salesmen are stepping forward to assist Dorsey Trailer employees and many of them need this help and advice. However, we urge those involved to be especially watchful. While we know of no on-art worker scams in the area right now, it is a golden opportunity for one to move in and take advantage of a group of folks who are already in a bind and seeking relief. All these people must be registered to be legal and can furnish qualified references if they are legit. Our position is that if such a person is legit and honorable, he or she would be eager to give registration and reference information to potential customers.

News of happenings in the U.S. Congress have taken a back seat to the presidential vote issue in Florida. However, at this writing there are four major funding bills still before Congress and the president for approval. Continuing resolutions have kept the related government functions operating since the beginning of the fiscal year at the same rate of spending as in the previous year.

Another issue that has been smoldering by the Florida presidential vote debate is an argument and lawsuit in Holmes County, Florida, right below Geneva County, Alabama. The sheriff's race was very close, they did a recount and now the issue is being challenged in court, probably under one or more of the laws being used in the presidential vote debate.

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ing the month. The animal control officer picked up 16 stray dogs. Mayor Cole reporting for the street department asked that a leave-of-absence be granted to Bobby Eubanks for a period of six months. This was approved as was the temporary hiring of Chris Green for the same period of time. He reported that trash pick-up has begun with the east side of John Street being worked on Monday and Tuesday and the west side being worked on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be a catch-up day.

Kenneth Fox reporting for the water department said it was going "generally smooth." The board will begin strictly enforcing the policy on late and non-payment of water fees. Bills are due on the first work day of the month - late on the 15th with late charges applying and disconnect will be on the 25th.

He reported that the storage tank in the middle of town is nearing completion and will be on-line in the very near future. The new well site and tank is still in litigation.

Fire Chief James Brown reported that the fire department was in "good shape." He recommended that the ambulances presently owned by the town and rescue squad be sold due to their age and condition. He further recommended that the equipment on board the ambulances be retained in the event the squad is reorganized.

Catherine Sawyer, reporting for the town's recreation board, reported that things were going well. Work is proceeding on the two ball fields with sprinkler systems being installed and the grassing of the infields. Also, repairs are planned for the fences and the concession stands. These are projects that are being funded with discretionary funds received in conjunction with the county school system. The ball fields are used by the local schools.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 27, 2000 through December 3, 2000. They were: Dylan Manning, Sheila Magwood, William English, Cory Richardson, Mary Patterson, Daniel Gullion, Horace Holley, Ryan Copeland, Joan Davis, Houston Bedsole, Melissa Daniels, Vassie Ward, Billy Weeke, Andrew Hanson, Janice Lindsey, Lonnies Killingsworth, Lucille Boswell, Betty Driggers, Paul Smart, Britany Arnette, Beyonce Gray, Aldana Gray, Ronene Copes, Benny Wilkerson, Missy Cardwell, Betty Wilson, Aaron Harrelson, Charlene Harrelson, Adama Gray, and Beyonce Gray.

Mrs. Sawyer told council members that the board had about \$2,200.00 in the checking account at the present time. Finally, several community announcements were made during Monday's meeting. Mayor Cole encouraged the citizens of New Brockton and the surrounding area to take part in the "Christmas Around Town" festivities this Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the town park.

The Wooden Chapel Assembly of God Church will be singing Christmas Carols around town on Saturday, December 23, beginning at the gazebo at 6:30 p.m. in the town's park.

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following:

*Approved a one-time payment of \$1,200 for the fire department's liability insurance.

*Approved raising the town's pro rata share toward the funding of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency from \$1,381.57 to \$1,429.92 annually. Effective FY 2002.

*Granted a one-time pay raise of \$50 to full-time employees and \$25 to part-time employees.

*Signed a resolution authorizing the changing of the provider for employee's health insurance to Blue Cross/Blue Shield through the State of Alabama Employment Board.

*Appointed Ricky Strickland representing District 4 and Sonny Eads representing District 5 to the town's Public Affairs and Advisory Board.

*Approved the holding of a Vester Code Day. The project will be turned over to the Public Affairs and Advisory Board for planning and setting a date for the event to be held.

*Approved the attendance of City Clerk Annette Williams to a revenue officer training seminar.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 27, 2000, investigated the following incidents: one hindering prosecution, four thefts of property, one harassment, two DUIs, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief, one hit and run vehicle, one assault, one public intoxication, and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for hindering prosecution, two for thefts of property, one for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, three for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for an expired tag, one for no driver's license, one for violation of child restraint law, one for driver's license not in possession, one for no insurance, two for DUI, one for no headlights, and two for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mullins Apartments (1:59 a.m.); River stage - 4:27 (6:21 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - River stage - 4:11 (6:21 a.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84E (7:43 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds Street (8:50 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - River stage - 3:77 (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Al Hwy. 134 at the intersection of Co. Rd. 625 (7:07 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (9:24 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - River stage - 3:78 (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 423 (9:34 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (4:51 a.m.); River stage - 3:52 (6:31 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 - River stage - 3:11 (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Al Hwy. 87S (7:44 a.m.); Routine activity.

p.m.): Minor wreck reported in the parking area at Elba General Hospital (8:00 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Powder reported on Packing House Road (1:24 a.m.); River stage - 3:01 (6:43 a.m.); Alarm at NASCO Equipment (9:14 p.m.); Alarm at a location near the intersection of Reese Avenue and Hickman Avenue (9:43 p.m.).

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*SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Court-house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

*ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon, First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

*ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

*ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6 p.m. City Hall.

*WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 1st Monday of month - City Hall.

*GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

*COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

*LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

*ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 9 p.m. Sage Office.

*AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

*MASONS LODGE #79 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.

*BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room in Elba High School.

*VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

*COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.

*COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.

*AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day of month, City Hall Conference Room.

*AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

*CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.

*ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:00 p.m. - Elba's Cafeteria.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to the EHS Class of 1960.
I have enjoyed talking to several of your classmates regarding the donation you wished to make to our school library.

With pleasure I accepted the check for \$216.00 from Mrs. Jean Spurlin. I am considering several options, including some reference books. Resources which are bought will be marked as a donation from your class in memory of the following: Linda Stewart Hudson, William Black, Michael Corbett, Suzanne Hayes Clark, Willard Crocker, and Patricia Boutwell.

Thank you for remembering your alma mater in such a generous way. EHS students will benefit from this donation.

We would enjoy having any of you visit us at Elba High School. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Margaret Calhoun, LMS
Elba High School

Dear Editor,

I read an article in the Clipper about Bob Hman's newest book, *Coming Home*. So I quickly ordered a copy from Barnes and Noble and I must say it was some of the best money I ever spent.

I just wanted to thank you for letting your readers know it was available. I lived my whole life in Elba until my work and then my husband took me away, but I still get home to visit a couple of times a year.

Elba is a wonderful little town and this book brought back a lot of memories. Everyone there should have a copy!

CARD OF THANKS

WYNELL BRADSHAW FAMILY

Our most heartfelt thanks to our neighbors, relatives and dear friends during the recent untimely loss of our loved one, Wynell Bradshaw. To each of you who prayed for us, prepared food, sent beautiful flowers or cards of sympathy, visited with us and spoke a kind and gentle word, your love and concern will forever be greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you.
The family of Wynell Bradshaw

In Service Of Their Country

Air Force Airman Jeremy B. Kelley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Anthony B. and Susan D. Kelley of Kinston, Kelley graduated 2000 graduate of Kinston High School.

Army Pvt. Nikki S. Crenshaw has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Patricia McMillian of Troy and Jimmy Jackson of Elba. Crenshaw is a 2000 graduate of New Brockton High School.

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I saw in the last Clipper that I received that there was a book signing which I'm sorry I missed. I've also read, with much enjoyment, *Old Dogs and Children* and will be ordering Bob's other books as well. He's a wonderful author and Elba should be proud!

Candy Mullins
Lake Ariel, PA.

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From our family to yours, goes our most heartfelt thanks to all who helped at our greatest time of need during the illness and death of our beloved mother, EUNA BLAIR. To each of you who prayed with and for us, prepared food and drinks, sent beautiful flowers or cards of inspiration, visited with us and spoke a kind and gentle word, your love and concern will forever be greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you.

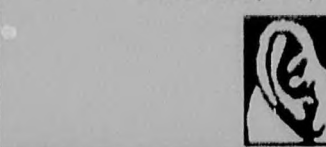
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AREA DEATHS

ILA DONALDSON BONNER
Mrs. Ila Donaldson Bonner, age 90, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Nov. 29, 2000.

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N-Harmony

N-Harmony to be in concert at New Brockton United Methodist Church

N-Harmony, a young Southern Gospel Music group of Nashville, will be coming back to the area soon. The group is made up of Kevin Waters, bass; Craig O'Dell, baritone; Shane Dunlap, lead and co-founder, lead singer; and Scott Rogers, tenor.

The concert line-up is as follows: First United Methodist Church of New Brockton - Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.; Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Enterprise - Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.; and Heritage United Methodist Church in Enterprise - Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. No admission fee will be charged, but a love offering will be co-funded, lead singer; and Scott Rogers, tenor.

The public is invited to attend one or all of these concerts. For more information, call 393-3240 or 897-2076.

The musical "The Greatest Gift is Jesus" to be presented by the children and youth and Mt. Olive Baptist Church

The children and youth of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will present a Christmas celebration, "The Greatest Gift is Jesus," on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.

The miracle in Bethlehem will come alive as the shepherds and Joseph with Jesus in a lovely manger. Come and hear the song the angels sang so long ago. Special music selections will be performed by: John Bowers, Jerry Dubose, Tiffany Bass, Kim Hollinghead, Arrian Bowers, Amanda Mauldin and Ashley Walden.

Everyone is invited to attend this joyous celebration of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is located in the Pine Level Community of Elba.

"The Sound" to be in concert at First Assembly of God on December 6th

"The Sound" will be in concert at First Assembly of God Church, 1320 Highland Drive, Elba, on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Admission will be free. For more information, call 897-6625.

Homecoming planned at College Street Assembly of God

College Street Assembly of God Church of Enterprise will have Homecoming on Sunday, Dec. 10. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Draughn as the guest speaker. Lunch will be served after the morning service. Boundless Love from Ozark and the church singers will sing during the afternoon service. Everyone is invited to attend.

8th annual Drive-through live Nativity Scene at St. Luke UMC

St. Luke United Methodist Church invites everyone to their 8th Annual Drive-through Live Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 7-9 p.m. The nine-scene Live Nativity depicts the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and the events leading to his birth through scenes which include: Caesar's castle; Mary and Joseph; the

Single Angel; Shepherds; Herod's Palace; The Travelers; The Inn; Four Angels and The Manager.

Cars may drive-through and view the Live Nativity at St. Luke United Methodist Church, located at 201 Heath Street near Enterprise High School, by entering from Heath Street and exiting on Alberta Street.

Area summer graduates named from AU

Auburn University awarded 1,316 academic degrees at its summer commencement exercises on Aug. 14 in Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum. Among those receiving degrees were local graduates, Brian W. Glover of Elba and Sabrina D. Sem of New Brockton.

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***The Christmas Dinner
The Progressive Savings Club will host a Pre-Christmas Dinner at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Dec. 9 at 1 p.m.

***First Sermon of Bro. Roderick

Rideaux is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy 125, Elba.

***Benefit Program for Richard L. Singletary will be Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at New Philadelphia Church in the Shiloh Community of Elba. Everyone is cordially invited to come and share in this program. Send donations to: 265 County Road 501, Elba, AL 36623, or call (334) 897-3854. Funds set up at SouthTrust Bank.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

Chistmas Cantata to be presented at New Brockton UMC December 10th

The New Brockton United Methodist Church Choir will present its Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 10, during the 11 a.m. service. Everyone is invited.



THE ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR, sponsored by the Special Persons group of the church was held Thursday, November 16, and was a big success. All the food for lunch was sold. Money made from the bazaar is used for special projects for the church. Shown are Rev. Rachel Baxter, Mrs. Wanda Corley and Mrs. Iva McCreary admiring crafts.

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LIFESTYLES

Wesley Dietrich wins Arkansas Spelling Bee

Wesley Dietrich was first-place winner in the Conway (Ark.) Chris-



Wesley Dietrich

tian School Spelling Bee for fifth grade held at the school on Oct. 13. She was then eligible to compete in the statewide Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Spelling Bee held in Little Rock, Ark., on Nov. 17, where she also placed first.

This was the second year that Wesley won first place in both contests.

Her winning words were "epitome" and "devastation."

Wesley is the daughter of Julie and Wayne LaRue of Conway, Ark., and of Orlo and Myriam Dietrich of Little Rock, Ark.

She is the granddaughter of Leon and Faye Holliday of New Brockton; John and Juanita Pittman of Camden, Ark.; and Bill and Bernice LaRue of Bassett, Ark.

Lizie Pope to celebrate 90th birthday December 12

Lizie Pope, formerly of Glenwood, and currently a resident of the Elba Nursing Home will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 12, 2000.

She will be honored on Sunday, December 10, between the hours of

one and three in the afternoon when cake and punch will be served in the Nursing Home cafeteria. All friends and family members are invited to attend and celebrate with her.

Local senior citizens attend Satellite Conference at MacArthur

On Wednesday, November 29, 2000, senior citizens from Opp, Elba, Kinston and New Brockton attended a satellite conference on the campus of Douglas MacArthur State Technical College. The Alabama Department of Public Health Training Network as part of the Senior Citizen Living Healthy Series produced the satellite conference, entitled Personal Safety for Senior Citizens. Paul Roller, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham presented the program.

The senior citizens were informed how research indicates most seniors are aware of good safety habits, but do not always follow safety tips. Often times, homes and automobiles can be hazardous to older people's health. Many accidents experienced by seniors can be avoided. Injury prevention includes using home, automobile and medicine safely. The same medications that seniors take to live healthier lives can cause seniors problems when not taken carefully. The local seniors were advised to be safe when using home, automobile and medication.

Upcoming programs are scheduled as part of the Senior Citizen Living Healthy Series.

Satellite Conference Series. These programs will discuss mental fitness as well as nutrition and exercise. For more information concerning these programs contact Cindy Clark with the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

Flu Shot Clinic to be held at Coffee County Health Department, Friday December 8th

The Coffee County Health Department will be conducting a flu clinic on Friday, Dec. 8, from 8-11 a.m. only. There is a limited amount of vaccine available for this clinic, therefore, the flu shots will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any person under the age of 18 that

needs to receive a flu shot will be required to have a doctor's prescription.

Anyone that has Medicare will need to bring their Medicare Card, otherwise the cost of the flu shot will be \$5.

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Class of 1950 holds 50th Class Reunion

Josephine (Daniels) Mynard, Tallahassee, Fla., was not available for picture.

The 50th Reunion activities began on Friday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m. with classmates riding on a special decorated float in the Homecoming Parade. The float was awarded second place in Category III of the Parade.

The next activity was a reception held in the home economics area at the new Elba High School from 6-7 p.m. This was a time of getting reacquainted with classmates and meeting the spouses. The delicious "gourmet" finger foods and punch were prepared by Louise (Flowers) Bozeman, and Earline (Eddins) Jacobs. The food was not only delicious, it was "pretty as a picture."

Following the reception, some attended the Homecoming festivities and football game in Tiger Stadium, sitting in the designated area for the Class of 1950.

Bright and early on the cool morning of Saturday, Oct. 14, classmates and spouses gathered in the meeting room at the Elba Fire Station for breakfast. A full breakfast was catered by the Ranch House Cafeteria which included "made from scratch" biscuits. Following the meal, James R. Poole, of Elba, served as Master of Ceremonies for the program. He presented engraved mementos to Mary (Mickle) Kelley, Elba, as the Person Who Had Changed the Least in 50 Years, and to Owen Hamm, Eight Mile, Ala. The grand prize (an engraved brick from the high school building) went to Will Harper, of North Augusta, S.C.

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, everyone got all dressed up for picture taking time.

The highlight of the weekend activities was the Reunion Dinner at The Columns Restaurant and Bar. The dinner was a wonderful event. The highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the "Delayed Valedictorian Address" entitled, "We've Come a Long Way, Baby," in which the compared times in 1950 with today - Then and Now. An impressive candle lighting ceremony was done in memory of the ten deceased classmates - Dr. Foy Blue, Jeannine Boutwell, Tallmadge Brunson, Harrold Devane, Joe Tom Dyess, George Hodge, Ray Knight, Marshall Reddick, Howard Stroud and Sam Young. This was followed by the Classmates Report when each classmate gave a brief review of what has been happening in the 50 years since graduation. Each left expressing thanks to the committee for a great reunion and making plans to return next year.

Serving on the Reunion Committee were: Paul Smart, Edna (Thames) Smart, Mary (Mickle) Kelley, Louise (Whitley) Jacobs, James Ross Poole, Louise (Flowers) Bozeman, Betty J. (Spurlin) Foley, Earline (Eddins) Jacobs and Buddy Windham.

Wiregrass Habitat For Humanity is sponsoring "Melodies of Christmas"

The Wiregrass Habitat For Humanity is sponsoring "Melodies of Christmas," the Sixth Annual Holiday Performance by the Tri-State Community Orchestra at the Dothan Opera House on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. This performance will be held in honor of the Girl Scouts of America and feature guest conductors Oscar Fann of WTVY-TV4 and Wendy of WOOF-FM. Also appearing will be guest vocalists Gary Grayson and Jennifer Peacock. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased the night of the performance or in advance at the Habitat For Humanity office or Strickland Music Co. For further information, call 794-7408, 792-7197 or 792-8453.



Members of the Elba High School Class of 1950 held their 50th Class Reunion the weekend of Oct. 13-14. Of the 56 seniors graduating with the Class of 1950, 29 were in attendance. Pictured above, standing in front of the old Elba High School building, are: (front row) Mervyn (Johnson) Lynch, Tuscon, Ariz.; Jimmie E. Windham, Enterprise; Louise (Whitley) Jacobs, Enterprise; Paul and Edna (Thames) Smart, Elba (classmates married to one another); Nell (Crocker) Zinn, Duncan, Okla.; Jack Lowry, Jacksonville, Fla.; Earline (Eddins) Jacobs, Elba; (second row) Fannie Lou (Anderson) Parker, Albany, Ga.; Nadine (Lambert) Hughes, St. Louis, Mo.; Dorothy (Vaughn) Lindsey, Elba; Jeanette (Morrow) Aldridge, Montgomery; Maxine (Simmons) Jones, Phenix City, Ala.; Winnie Fay (Gallimore), Willis, Pace, Fla.; Mary (Mickle) Kelley, Elba; Teresa (Rhodes) Rowell, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Betty J. (Spurlin) Foley, Elba; (third row) Betty (Rhodes) Sessions, Elba; Martha (Sanders) Corkin, Glenwood; Louise (Danford) Palacios, Brookfield, Ill.; Louise (Flowers) Bozeman, Elba; Joe Lynn Maddox, Tupelo, Ms.; (fourth row): James Ross Poole, Elba; Owen Hamm, Eight Mile, Ala.; Buddy Windham, Panama City Beach, Fla.; John Morrow, Mobile; James D. "Buddy" Whitman, Mobile; Will Harper, North Augusta, S.C.; Josephine (Daniels) Mynard, Tallahassee, Fla., was not available for picture.

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BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....9:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J.L. Grasser, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E.H. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	Faith Chapel Community Church Danny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON	
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS	
Andy Marler, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC	
W.K. Ellison, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor	Morn. Worship.....9:45 a.m.
HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Shirley Ellis, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
HEBROON BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rick Hayes, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Rev. Stephen D. Ard, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
INO BAPTIST CHURCH	
Gerry Winstead, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Rev. Stephen Dabene, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.

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NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	
Walter Faulk, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	
J.C. Turner, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	
Lorazell Flowers, Minister	Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m.
OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	
J.R. Parks, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER	
Betty Morris, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH	
A.R. Williams, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....11:30 a.m.
ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. F.J. Flowers, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
SHADY GROVE A.M.E.	
Rev. F.J. Flowers, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH	
Larry Wise, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	
Pastor Rev. Silas Mauldin	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night Service.....7:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD	
Ron Stallard, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH	
John D. Johnson, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	
Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor	Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH	
Bruce Williams, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
WIDE MEADOWS ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	
Berneth Hagler, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....7:00 p.m.
WOODLAND GRAVE BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. Alfred Hiner, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	
Mike Motes, Pastor	Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz

This month's co-op spotlight focuses on **Rene Vamhles**. Rene is an 18-year-old employee of Dr. Jackson where she is a receptionist.

Rene's parents are Ronnie and Ramona Vamhles. She is the secretary of VICA and attends Elba First Assembly of God youth group.

After graduation, Rene plans on attending college.

SALUTE!!

Career Assemblies: In The Working World

by Bethany Dye

Do you ever have fantasies of the perfect job? How does a person know if he is interested in pursuing a career in a certain field if he doesn't really know anything about it? With so many choices and opportunities out there, how does one find the job that fits? As students, we have the cold, hard facts of careers in the real world; no matter how hard we try to dream up the perfect job, we need to get a glimpse of the things that are available to us and be ready for the steps that lie ahead.

At Elba High School, the Career Assemblies available to interested seniors.

On Friday, Nov. 3, George Showalter visited EHS to give a presentation on careers in forestry. Mr. Showalter talked about various jobs of a forester and allowed the students to view slides. The assembly was very interesting and educational on the importance of forestry.

Another assembly was held on Monday, Nov. 6. Mr. Charles Coon,



Tiger Tales

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Unusual Class Presentations

by Katie Crowe

Mrs. Norris's ninth grade class gave presentations on famous scientists on November 10. Some students were very creative with their presentation and dressed up as their scientists or as a family member of their scientists and gave the presentation from their point of view. Mrs. Norris said that some of the students really put on a show. These ninth graders really made their presentations more interesting and fun!

Fall is in the Air

by Amy Kirkland

What usually comes to mind when you think about Autumn? Many think of colorful leaves, college football games and crisp weather, but students at Elba Elementary School think of cotton candy, cake walks and fun games. The EES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recently sponsored the annual Fall Festival. The event was held on November 9 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Approximately 20 games and booths were there to entertain both the young and the young at heart. Some of the games included a basketball toss, go-fish, bowling, and golf. A new attraction, a dunking booth, made a big splash this year. Students were given the opportunity to dunk teachers, coaches and a fellow student. Children also had the chance to have their picture made with Elbie. The PTO raised over \$2,500 that will go toward landscaping the front of the elementary school. Fall is definitely in the air.

Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Kristi Spinks
Parents: Mike and Shirl Spinks
Age: 15
Grade: 8th

Favorite color: Purple
Favorite music: Alternative
Clubs/Activities: FBLA
Interests/Hobbies: Swimming, talking on the phone, and playing in the band.

Kristi's favorite subject is science.

What she enjoys most about Elba High School are all the nice people that go to the school there.

After she graduates she wishes to attend college at either the University of Alabama or Troy State University.



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Weeks New Counselor of the Year

by Cammie Kelley

College night, orientation for new EHS students, and an honors day filled with scholarships are just a few of the many programs that Mrs. Lynn Weeks has organized at Elba High School during the past year.

On Nov. 9, Mrs. Weeks was awarded for all of her good deeds by receiving the "Asa Sparks New Counselor of the Year" award.

The "Asa Sparks New Counselor of the Year" award is available for school counselors with 3 years of experience or less of counseling.

Mrs. Mandy Collins nominated Mrs. Weeks for the award. This award is sponsored by the Alabama School Counselor Association. This association selects counselors from across the state each year for awards in six categories: New Counselor of the Year, Elementary Counselor of the Year, Multi-level Counselor of the Year, Middle School Counselor of the Year, High School Counselor of the Year, and Supervisor of the Year. Mrs. Weeks was invited to attend an awards luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 9. The luncheon was held during the Alabama Counseling Association's annual conference. Each award winner had a personal, beautifully decorated table which they shared with their family



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members and friends.

"I was very honored to receive this award," commented Mrs. Weeks. "Dr. Asa Sparks, for whom the award is named, was one of the pioneers for school counselor programs for the State of Alabama. He is now retired, but he did attend the luncheon." Mrs. Weeks also said, "I would like to thank Mrs. Mandy Collins for nominating me for this award and those who wrote letters of recommendation. I would also like to thank my family and my co-workers at Elba High School. I love my job and enjoy going to work everyday to try to do what ever I can to, in some way, make the lives of EHS students a little better, easier, or happier."

Elba High School is extremely proud to honor Mrs. Weeks as the "Asa Sparks New Counselor of the Year." To the students at Elba High School, Mrs. Weeks is a wonderful teacher, attentive listener, and beloved friend. She has touched and changed many lives at EHS and continues to work hard to achieve great things at EHS.

SGA Sponsors Can Food & Toy Drive

by Chris Turner

The SGA held their can food and toy drive to help the less fortunate. The can food and toys will go to the HRDC and be distributed to the residents around Elba.

The HRDC contacted Mrs. Bailey about their drive and she agreed to go through them this year.

The SGA made their drive a contest between the classes to help the students more involved in the drive.

The class that brought the most cans and toys gets a party for their class.

The school donated 5,831 can foods and toys.

The seniors won the drive by donating 2,653 items and the sophomores donated a respectable 2,580 items.

The drive was able to provide residents with a little better Thanksgiving holiday.

SALUTE!! GREAT JOB

Tiger Basketball: Looking Forward To It!

by Melissa Mularz

Well, it's that time of year again! The dunks, the lay-ups, the alley-oops, and the your-face action of Elba Tiger Basketball.

After last year's outstanding season with a record of 26-5 and the Tigers winning the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Sub-Regional tournaments, this year's team is looking forward to matching the record and the show the Tigers put on last year.

Although the Varsity Tigers have no starters returning for the new season, the new set of five has confidence that this could be an exciting and successful season.

Alan Head, senior, says, "It's going to be an interesting year. We're a little young, but we should have a great team and a successful season."

The Tiger's first game was Nov. 28 at home against Georgiana. The B-Team led off at 4:30, followed by the Varsity Girls, and ending with the Varsity Boys.

And who can forget the exceptional seasons the Varsity Girls and B-team had last year?



The Varsity girls ended with a 13-15 record, which is the best record at EHS ever for the Lady Tigers.

The team lost one starter this year, but still has plenty of talent to fill in the positions.

The girls are looking to have their best season ever.

The B-Team boys, too, had a great season last year, and are practicing hard to pull off another winning season.

Elba High School would like to invite you to come and cheer for your Elba Tiger Basketball teams, and don't worry, it'll be well worth your money.

Elba Elementary School Menu

Dec. 11 - 15, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Barbeque, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Corned, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chicken Filled Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Pear Half, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grils, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Turkey Dressing, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Ice Cream, Milk

MacArthur Courses Offered

The following courses are being offered on the Elba High School Campus:

Microcomputers - This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of creating professional word processing documents using Microsoft Word. Students learn how to create letters, newsletters, brochures, tables, mail merge, etc., for personal or professional use with this very powerful and easy to use word processing software. Anyone interested in this course must have previous microcomputer experience. This course will be taught on Monday nights from 5:30 until 8:30 for 12 weeks at Elba High School. Class begins January 22, 2001. The cost of the course is \$100.00.

For more information or to register, please contact Cindy Clark, (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

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Sr. Beta Club Plans Christmas Party For Underprivileged Children

The Zion Chapel Beta Club met November 30, 2000 to discuss a Christmas party for underprivileged children from Zion Chapel Elementary School.

At the meeting, it was decided that each member of the Beta Club would sponsor one child from a list of children that was compiled by the guidance counselor of the elementary school.

Each Beta Club member will purchase a gift for the child he or she chose.

The selected children will receive their gifts at the party on December 14, during fifth period. Mrs. Duebuhl, the Sr. Beta Club sponsor, will be providing the refreshments.

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Rebel Band News

The Zion Chapel High School Band will be performing its annual Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The band is under the direction of Michael Bird and will feature two of our performing groups: the sixth grade beginner band and the seventh through twelfth grade high school concert band.

The beginners will perform *Jingle Bells*, *On the Housatop*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, and more selections from their band method books.

The concert band will be performing arrangements of *Greensleeves*, *Jingle Bell Rock*, *You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch*, *Silent Night*, and *Christmas Isn't Christmas Without a Little Rock n' Roll*.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, Mom lost her vote for an artificial Christmas tree, and last week the Mularz girls spent Sunday afternoon decorating a lovely live tree that found a home in a corner of the living room. All the lights worked from last year, there were more than enough ornaments left to fill the tree, and for once we didn't have to buy even one item to help with the decorating. There may not be any presents under the tree yet, but so far so good with Christmas 2000!

TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS....

*** The Elba Tigers opened their basketball season last week with a big win over Georgiana, and while one win certainly doesn't make a season, it was a big win for the new version of the Tigers. Elba was more than able to hold its own with the much taller Georgiana players inside, and showed the crowd on hand that they could also shoot from behind the arc. The Tigers will hit the court later this week against New Brockton and Enterprise, and after those games everyone will have a better idea just how good the new look Tigers will really be. One player who didn't get a lot of win was sophomore Marcus Henderson. Henderson isn't tall enough at 6-1 to take the half inside and be a force, but don't tell him that, since all he did against the 6-6 and 6-4 front line of Georgiana was score 20 points and grab double-digit rebounds.

*** It looks like a so-so season for the other teams around the county, with all three teams possibly headed for real battles every time they hit the court. The Kinston Bulldogs claimed a road win last week over Arton and should grab their share of wins as the season rolls along, while New Brockton is in for a rebuilding season and may find the wins few and far between, and Zion Chapel will have just enough talent to pull an upset any time the Rebels hit the court. While the wins may not pile up, the county teams will all be fun to watch, and will hustle from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

*** Girls basketball is now a full-time sport all across the nation, and here in Coffee County it looks like we have two pretty good teams and two teams that are building for the future. The Elba Lady Tigers returned four starters off last season's team and is off to a 3-1 start, while the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped their first three games of the season, but have since beaten Kinston and Enterprise to move to 2-3, and look to me like a team to reckon with in the 2A ranks. Kinston and Zion Chapel are well coached and play hard for all four quarters, but both teams appear to be a few years away from being able to be competitive each and every time they hit the floor.

*** Quite a few Alabama football fans were a little disappointed when the news broke that COU coach Dennis Franchione had been named the new coach for the Crimson Tide. However, the new Tide coach has been a winner everywhere he has ever been, and looks like a good fit to me to lead Bama back to the top in the wild world of college football. The Tide fans and Alabama A.D. Mal Moore wanted Miami's Coach Butch Davis, but the Miami coach pulled out at the last minute, and Franchione was there to take the job. I guess the times really have changed when Alabama has a coach named Franchione and Auburn's coach is named Tuberville. That's a long way from "Bear" and "Shug."

*** I read all week how the Auburn players were looking forward to their rematch with Florida in the SEC Championship game, but after watching the game Saturday afternoon, can't figure out why. The Gators had little trouble handling the Tigers to win the title, and even ran the ball more than they passed it as they pulled ahead early and simply ran out the clock to get the win. I am not a coach and don't pretend to be one, but I still think the biggest difference in the game was the fact Ben Leard was the Auburn quarterback. Leard had been turned loose in the Alabama game to change plays at the line of scrimmage, and even though Auburn won, I thought the only reason the game was close was Leard. Saturday against Florida it was more of the same, and while Rudi watched and blocked, Leard once again proved he simply was not a big time college quarterback.

*** I watched the Big 12 championship game Saturday night and was impressed at all with top-ranked Oklahoma. The Sooners played in a conference that had two or three good teams, and won the big (3) games that enabled them to make it to #1 and the Orange Bowl. I am not a Florida State fan, but I will be shocked if the Seminoles don't beat the Sooners by 30-40 points in a laugher of what is supposed to be the game to decide the national title. Hey, Oklahoma is "OK," but it ain't #1.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "Super Six" championship games will be played this week in the age-old cavern called Legion Field, and while there will be no defending champs around, it looks like a very interesting six games for all Alabama high school football fans. The Class 1A match-up will feature two former 2A powers when 10-time state champion Hazlewood takes on '87 2A state champ Reelfoot, while in Class 2A, Clay County will be looking for its fourth title in seven years when it takes on Pisgah. The Class 3A title clash will find six-time state champ Colbert County going up against '97 3A champ Aliceville, and in Class 4A, four-time state champion T.R. Miller will battle '96 state champ Fayette County. The Class 5A title match-up will find two-time state champ Homewood going up against former 6A power Benjamin Russell, while the Class 6A finale will have two-time state champ Hoover tangling with newcomer Daphne. There is no doubt this year's finals will be among programs that are used to winning.

*** In closing, the Elba Recreation Department is sponsoring its first-ever Operation Santa Claus this year, and needs the support of the community, its residents and businesses to make it a success. The items donated will go to the children in the Elba area that might go without a Christmas this year. So, please support this program and give to those not so fortunate.

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Win season opener over Georgiana

Elba Tigers pound Panthers 67-52

The Elba Tigers opened their season last Tuesday night against the Georgiana Panthers and gave a large Tiger crowd plenty to cheer about as they pulled away in the second half to claim an impressive 67-52 win, in Elba.

"We played well at times at not so well at other times," stated Elba's Coach Karl Bledsoe, "but it wasn't that bad for a first game, and it was a win. We found out a lot about what we could and couldn't do, and who would step up and play when the game was actually on the line. Now we have to work on our weaknesses and also work on the things we did well, so that the next time we take the court we will be an improved basketball team. Our goal is to improve every time we take the court, and if we can do that, we'll take the results."

The Tigers got off to a slow start against the Panthers and owned a slim 11-9 lead after one quarter, and found the going just as tough in the second stanza as Georgiana outscored Elba 15-14 to cut the Tigers' lead to 25-24 at the half.

Elba managed to stretch its lead slightly in the third quarter and carried a 43-39 advantage into the final stanza, then took command in the fourth quarter as the Tigers pulled away for the big 67-52 win.

Marcus Henderson scored 20 points to lead Elba, while John Mitchell added 19 and Derrick Brooks scored 18. M. Johnson scored 15 points to lead Georgiana.

E 11 14 18 24 - 67

G 9 15 15 13 - 52

Elba (67): Barnes 9, Andrews 1, Henderson 20, Brooks 18, Mitchell 19.

G'iana (52): L. Johnson 11, Lewis 4, Benson 9, M. Johnson 15, Pressley 4, Atkins 9.

N.B. (26): Rogers 4, Perry 9, Caldwell 9, Parrish 14.

High School & Junior High BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Enterprise Junior at Elba Junior (5:00) 8G, 8B
Kinston at Arton (4:30) B, V.G, VB

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Dauphin Junior at Elba Junior (5:00) 8G, 8B
Luverne at Brantley (4:30) B, V.G, VB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Elba at New Brockton (4:30) B, V.G, VB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Samson at Kinston (3:00) 8G, 8B, B, V.G, VB
Fleeta at Zion Chapel Junior (5:00) 7B, 8G, 8B

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Enterprise at Elba (4:30) B, V.G, VB
Highland Home at Brantley (4:30) B, V.G, VB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Elba Junior at Andalusia Junior (5:00) 7B, 8G, 8B
Andalusia Christmas Tournament
SEAC Tournament

High School Basketball Briefs

New Brockton falls hard to Houston Academy 76-24

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained winless on the young season last Tuesday night when they were ripped by the Houston Academy Raiders 76-24. Patrick Kelley scored 17 points and Brad Dunning added 15 to lead the (3-1) Raiders, which led 44-12 at the half.

Lady Gamecocks tripped up by Lady Raiders 41-31

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their early-season struggles last week when they fell to the Houston Academy Lady Raiders 41-31. Marlena McNutt scored 14 points to lead the (3-1) Lady Raiders.

Kinston Bulldogs mauled by Samson Tigers 62-28

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Samson last Tuesday night and staggered home after absorbing a big 62-28 loss at the hand of the Samson Tigers. Tyrone Baldwin scored 18 points and Travis Bess added 11 for the (3-1) Tigers.

Lady Bulldogs outscored by Samson Lady Tigers 55-29

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs left Samson still looking for their first win of the young season last Tuesday night as they were defeated by the unbeaten Samson Lady Tigers 55-29. Psyche Bess scored 22 points to lead Samson and Ashley Riels added 10.

Zion Chapel Rebels defeated by G.W. Long 67-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the G.W. Long Rebels Friday night and came out on the short end of a 67-47 decision. Josh Sanders scored 14 points and Marcus Taylor added 12 to lead the Rebels, while Ronny Woods led Long with 14 points.

Lady Rebels ripped by G.W. Long 67-35

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled hard for all four quarters before falling to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 67-35. Friday night at Zion Chapel, Crystal Boyd scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Shannon Newman led Long with 20 points.

Lady Gamecocks post 62-28 win over Lady Bulldogs

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks got in the win column for the first time this season Friday night by pounding the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 62-28, in New Brockton. Tiffany Smith scored 22 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kendra Cole added 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Lady Gamecocks surprise Enterprise Lady 'Cats 51-46

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks improved their record to 2-3 Saturday night by pulling a 51-46 upset win over the 6A Enterprise Lady Wildcats, in New Brockton. Rena Donaldson scored 16 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kendra Cole added 13.

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Let's Go...

"OUTDOORS WITH BEN"

By Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

New Dove Is A Bonus To Dove Hunters

A small flock flew around the edge of the corn field where we were dove hunting, but I hesitated to shoot because they appeared too large for doves. I assumed they must be pigeons that belonged to someone nearby.

A hunter on the next stand bagged one of the "pigeons" and walked down to my stand to show me what appeared to be a dove but was much larger than our native mourning dove. This was my first introduction to the Eurasian Collared-Dove. This dove has become fairly common across the southeast in the last few years, and is often bagged on the traditional dove hunt. The Eurasian Collared-Dove was first documented in Bulgaria and was confined to a relatively small area around the Black and Aegean seas. It was later introduced to West Germany, and into Western Europe. Several breeding pairs were released in the Bahamas in the early 1970's to establish a breeding flock. They soon spread through the Caribbean and eventually made their way to Florida in the early 1980's. In the last 20 years they have increased in number and expanded their range across the southern United States.

The Eurasian Collared-Dove prefers to feed around grain bins or other places where grain is stored. If grain storage facilities are not readily available they will feed on waste grain in fields much like the morning dove. Collared doves do not mix with or associate with morning doves.

Distinguishing the Eurasian Collared-Dove from the more common morning dove can be difficult. The two most distinguishable characteristics are their larger size and the distinct black band or collar around the Eurasian Dove's neck. Another way to identify these new arrivals is by their distinct call, which sounds like "kuk-koo-koo-koo" with distinct short pauses between calls. Morning doves have a longer pause between their familiar "koo-koo-koo" and call usually only when resting or landing. The Eurasian Collared-Dove call is sharper, louder, and often made while in flight as well as when landing.

Hunters will find the Eurasian Collared-Dove a welcome bonus, as their number seems to be steadily increasing in this area. They are a bonus to the daily bag limit because Alabama game laws do not regulate the season or bag limit for this dove. Hunters may bag these doves in addition to the allowable limit of morning doves. However, one must be certain they have properly identified this new dove if they are bagging it after obtaining a limit of morning doves. Failure to do so could result in a fine if they bag another morning dove.

From all reports, the Eurasian Collared-Dove tastes like a morning dove and it doesn't take as many of these larger doves to feed a family. If populations continue to increase, and no problems are encountered, the Eurasian Collared-Dove may end up joining the Bobwhite and morning dove as Alabama game birds.

State football playoffs reach "Super Six" at Legion Field in Birmingham

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's state football playoffs have now reached the "Super Six" finals, with all championship games in the six classifications to be played in Birmingham's Legion Field.

Following is this week's "Super Six" schedule:

CLASS 1A

Thursday, 3:30 - Hazlewood (11-3) vs. Reelfoot (11-3)

CLASS 2A

Friday, 3:30 - Clay County (13-1) vs. Pisgah (13-1)

CLASS 3A

Saturday, 12:00 - Colbert County (13-1) vs. Aliceville (14-0)

CLASS 4A

Thursday, 7:00 - Fayette County (12-1) vs. T.R. Miller (12-2)

CLASS 5A

Friday, 7:00 - Homewood (12-2) vs. Benjamin Russell (13-1)

CLASS 6A

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Kinston clobbers Arton 63-43 to grab first win

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Arton last Monday night to battle the Arton Purple Cats and led from start to finish to post a big 63-43 win.

The win upped Kinston's record to 1-2, while Arton slipped to 0-1 with the loss.

The Bulldogs came out ready to play against their area rivals and jumped out to a quick 10-5 lead. Kinston took complete command in the second stanza to open up a 21-7 halftime bulge, and never looked back as they posted the impressive 63-43 road win over the Purple Cats.

Jeremy Driver scored 22 points and Jamie Lunsford added 10 to lead Kinston, while Key scored 11 for the Purple Cats.

K 10 11 20 22 - 63

A 5 2 21 15 - 43

Kinston (63): L. Whigham 8, T. Whigham 7, Anderson 4, Nelson 8, Wiggins 2, Lunsford 10, Farris 2, Driver 22, Cain 2.

Arton (43): Scyphers 9, Boswell 4, Senn 9, Key 11, Smith 10.

[GIRLS GAME]

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs remained winless on the young season when they lost to Arton 50-28, in Arton. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 10-2 after one quarter, and then saw the Lady 'Cats go on a 24-5 run in the second stanza to grab a whopping 34-7 halftime bulge. Arton stretched its lead to 44-11 in the third quarter, and Arton (10): Thompson 2, Jones 2, Brantley 1, Wilkerson 3, Jolley 2.

Recall announced on treestands

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), API Outdoors, a division of Outland Sports Inc., of Tallulah, La., is voluntarily recalling 54,000 treestands and treestands by hunters. The seat of these devices can collapse, causing the consumer to fall to the ground and suffer injury.

CPSC and API Outdoors are not aware of any injuries or incidents involving these products. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The treestands included in this recall are the Alum-I-Lok with model number AL50, Alum-I-Lok Original with model number AL100, Alum-I-Lok Magnum with model number AL100M.

AL100M, Pro-Lock with model number AL50P and Pro-Lock Magnum with model number AL100MR. A yellow and black label with the product name and model number, along with the API Outdoors logo and toll-free number is located on the treestand platform. These treestands have non-slip safety straps and a safety belt. The Bobcat Treestand with model number AL910 also is part of this recall. A label on the attachment belt below the seat reads, "The Alum-I-Lite Bobcat Treestand, Model AL910." The seats with the treestands and treestands are covered with camouflage fabric.

Hunting supply stores and catalogs nationwide sold the treestands and treestands from January 1999 through August 2000. Prices for the treestands were between \$60 and \$90, and prices for the treestands were

between \$30 and \$40.

Call API Outdoors toll-free at (888) 530-6098 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or write to API Outdoors, 602 Kimbrough Dr., Tallulah, LA 71282.



LADY REBELS IN ACTION....A Zion Chapel Lady Rebel takes a shot from inside during recent high school basketball action. The Lady Rebels opened the season with losses to Samson and G.W. Long, but will be looking to get in the win column when they host the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament on December 18-19, at the Rebel gym.

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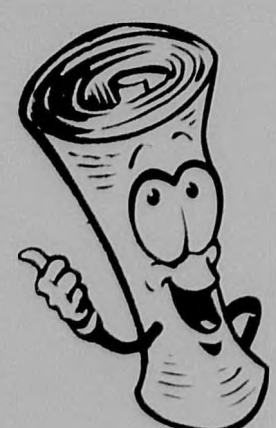
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Area News

Jesse and Morgan Oglesby win in Taekwondo tournaments

Jesse and Morgan Oglesby of Elba recently competed in two Taekwondo tournaments representing Elba (hometown) and Enterprise (students of Cole's Taekwondo). The two tournaments were in Panama City, Fla. and Montgomery.

Jesse won first place in Form and third place in Sparring in Panama City, and he won first place in Form in Montgomery. He competed with the 11 and 12 year old purple and blue belts.

Morgan won first place in Form in Panama City and first place in Sparring in Montgomery. He competed with the 7 and 8 year old purple and blue belts.

Don't Forget Santa
Pictures at Elba
Elementary
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Jesse & Morgan Oglesby

Jennifer Hornsby named to Phi Kappa Phi

Jennifer Hornsby, a Troy State University student from New Brockton, has been initiated into the TSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

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Hornsby is a member of honor societies Alpha Lambda Delta and Gamma Beta Phi. She is a recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship.

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ON SEPT. 20, THE NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA chapter held a BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) party. While enjoying banana splits, all in attendance were encouraged to become active members of FCCLA. The recruiting party was a success and led to an increased membership for the school year 2000-2001.

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MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to hold general membership meeting

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will hold a meeting of the general membership on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Citizen building (behind the Chevron). An update will be given on the Small Business Administration, Business Loans and grants for members, grant applications for the tribe and new laws affecting Native Americans. Scholarship information will be given out. Everyone is expected to bring a covered dish and a canned item for food baskets.

Due to the recent plant closings and layoffs, Native Americans may be eligible for free insurance. Bring the following items: a copy of children's birth certificate and social security card. Other helpful information will be provided on qualifying programs, job options and training programs.

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 7, MEMBERS OF THE FBLA and FCCLA at New Brockton High School attended the Joint Leadership Conference in Birmingham. Pictured from left to right are: Jessi Padilla - vice president of FCCLA, Jeffery Campbell - vice president of FBLA, Kelli Nichols - president of FCCLA, David Virag - secretary of FBLA, Channon Stuckey - historian of FBLA, Jenna Donaldson - treasurer of FBLA, Nichol Cox - reporter of FCCLA, Susan Brewer - SGA Rep. of FCCLA and Will Herring - SGA Rep. of FBLA. At the conference, the members attended informative sessions teaching the importance of striving to do his or her best in each of his or her school organizations.

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Area News

Control Bahia grass in centipede yards

Stan Windham
County Extension Agent

There have been several calls recently related to controlling bahia grass in centipede yards. This is in relation to several articles and popular press columns related to this topic. As you might guess, controlling bahia grass in centipede is not the easiest chore to undertake.

One of the best control methods is to keep your fertility at a low to moderate level. Centipede cannot compete with most grasses in a high fertility situation. However, if fertility is held to moderate or low levels centipede can compete quite well. Another way to control bahia grass in

centipede is chemical control. One of the most popular chemicals is one called Vantage 1E. There are some other versions of this because what it actually is, is a Post product.

Originally, Vantage 1E was released to control crab grass in centipede. They did notice that they did have some control of bahia grass with Vantage 1E. I have seen Vantage 1E control bahia quite well and I have seen it not do very well at all. There are some precautions and methods to controlling bahia with Vantage 1E.

First off, a gallon of the solution, depending on what you buy, will treat about 1000 square feet. The rate will depend on which

product you purchase. Another consideration is that you do not want to mow the grass for 7 days before or after the application. Next, do not make more than 2 applications with this product per season. Finally, make sure that you do not add crop oil when applying Vantage 1E.

Another way to control bahia grass in centipede is by using RoundUp on the areas where you have bahia problems. This will work quite well, but you have to realize that it will kill the whole spot. What you can do is wick the RoundUp on the bahia and this will minimize the damage to the centipede. If you have a large area of centipede that is infested with bahia sometimes you can

treat the area with RoundUp. Kill the whole area and reestablish that spot.

Fertility management is one of your best long term controls. The Vantage 1E Post type products would be the second choice and finally you can eliminate the entire area if you have no other choice controlling the bahia. Of course when you do this you have reestablishment costs to figure in. Because RoundUp will kill the whole area, Centipede and all.

If you have any further questions please feel free to give a call at 894-5596 and we will be more than happy to answer your questions.



4-H OFFICERS...The officers in Mrs. Cardwell's 5th grade 4-H club are: (left to right) Bobby Hudson, president; Justin Pike, vice president; Kayla Jones, secretary; Blake Qualls, reader; (back row) Tierney Starks and Bubba Stokes, both song leaders.

Low-fat diet is good for kids

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

The picture's getting clearer: What our children eat while growing up can have dramatic consequences for their health in adult life. The Expert Panel on Blood Cholesterol Levels in Children and Adolescents, part of a federal organization in charge of educating the public about the consequences of fat and cholesterol in their diets, released a report that will make health-conscious cooks smile.

In essence it said that children over age 2 should follow the same fat and cholesterol guidelines considered desirable for adults. This doesn't mean special meals or special diets—just encourage the whole family to eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and go lighter on meats and high-fat dairy products.

The familiar numbers look like this:

1. Children should get no more than 10 percent of their total calories from saturated fat.

2. They should get no more than 30 percent of their total calories from total fats.

3. Kids should consume fewer than 300 mg. of cholesterol per day.

What these figures mean for most families is changing some ideas about the kinds of foods kids need to grow on. The primary goal of the diet in childhood is to achieve normal growth and development. You don't need to feed children whole milk and cream cheese to do this. What allows for growth is more calories, not higher-fat foods. Using the broad range of plant food recommended by the Food Guide Pyramid as a starting place, then adding a judicious amount of fat to boost calorie intake is recommended. Children physically aren't able to eat enough of just low-calorie fruits, vegetables, and grains. So needed for adequate growth. So spreading a bit of butter or margarine on breads means that two

buttered slices give the same number of calories as three plain slices would.

Snacks are another way of helping children get the calories they need. Choosing low-fat snacks can keep the total daily fat intake within the recommended margins. Adults have the idea that snacks are bad for kids. Yet, especially young children with little stomachs can't eat huge quantities of food at any one sitting. They need mini-meals to get a sufficient number of calories each day. If the term "snack" means potato chips and soft drinks, then some course correction is in order. Graham crackers, cut-up fruits and vegetables, low-fat yogurt, whole-grain cereal with skim milk—these all give children the calories they need without unwanted fat.

When evaluating your family's diet, remember two notes of caution. First, don't go overboard in limiting children's fats. If you've chosen to cut way back on the fats you eat, don't do so with your children.

There have been documented cases where parents were too restrictive in the amount of fat in their children's diets. The result was children who were not growing properly. Be safe. Stick closer to the percentage recommendations.

And second, there should be no fat restrictions whatsoever on the diets of children under age 2. The Expert Panel report is explicit on this point explaining that the fast growth of infants requires an energy-dense diet with a higher percentage of calories from fat than is needed by older children. Based on current knowledge, it is inappropriate to apply nutrient guidelines for fats, cholesterol, and calories to children under 2 years of age.

But once a child turns two, it's time to begin building a lifelong pattern of eating smart. Don't think of a heart-healthy diet as something you start in middle age or you go on and off. It should be the way you eat all the time.

COMMUNITY



LOCAL LIONS HELP D.A.R.E....The local Lions Club recently gave a financial boost to the Elba D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. Pictured above is Lion President Bob Glover (left) as he presented Elba D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair with a check for \$882.00. Officer Blair, in expressing his appreciation for the Elba Lions' interest in the D.A.R.E. Program, said, "These funds will go along way in helping educate our youth as to the dangers of drug abuse."



EYE GLASSES DONATED...to the Elba Lions Club. Pictured above is Mary Sue Kelley (right) presenting a member of the Lion's Club, Dr. M. V. Miles, with 140 pairs of glasses. The old glasses were collected by the Damascus Homemakers Club. Sarah Free accompanied Mrs. Kelley in delivering the Glasses to the Lions Club. Anyone needing assistance in obtaining eye glasses are asked to contact Dr. Miles at 897-2815 or any member of the Elba Lions Club.

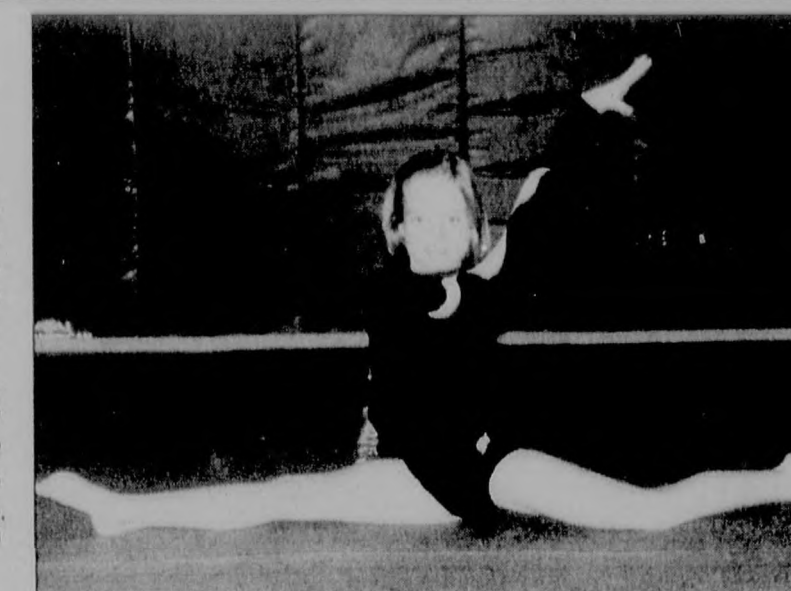
Students from Brantley Elementary School read 7,630 Accelerated Reader books

The students in grades 1-6 at Brantley School read 7,630 Accelerated Reader books during the first six weeks of school. The students earned 4773 points while maintaining a 1.81 average on the books. The school has set a goal of 30,000 books for the school year, and the students have already read over 12,000 books during the first 12 weeks.

The winning class from grades 1-3 for the first six weeks was Mrs.

Chandler's second grade with 934 books and an 84.1 average. The winning class from grades 4-6 was Mrs. Tia Compton's fifth grade with 809 books and an 82.6 average.

The top reader in grades 1-3 was Ryan Warrick with 157 books, 76.9 points, and a 92.8 average. The top reader in grades 4-6 was Taronia Randall, fifth grade, with 79 books, 205 points, and a 98 average on these books.



Bailey Harrelson

Bailey Harrelson named 8-year-old Champion in Alabama Gymnastics Competition in Ozark

Bailey Harrelson, daughter of Steven and Billie Harrelson, recently competed with her team, the Enterprise Aerials, in the State of Alabama Gymnastics Competition in Ozark, Ala.

There were approximately 50 teams competing in the competition, and the Enterprise Aerials were named the Level 4 State Champions with a combined team

score of 108.175.

Bailey also was named the 8-Year-Old Champion. Her individual scores included: Vault - 8.05; Bars - 9.25; Balance Beam - 9.35; Floor Exercise - 9.40; and All-Around - 36.05.

Bailey is the granddaughter of Douglas and Foye Harrelson and Carrie Floyd, all of Elba.

The Fort Rucker Silver Wings Band to perform General's Holiday Concert December 18th

The Fort Rucker Silver Wings Band will perform the Commanding General's Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m. December 18, at the Post Theatre at Fort Rucker.

The Army Aviation Silver Wings 40-member Band will again entertain the Fort Rucker and Wiregrass audience during this year's Christmas and New Year season with its one-evening performance of the "Commanding General's Holiday Concert."

The band will play a variety of

Christmas melodies, accompanied by the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," an audience sing-along to Christmas favorites, and "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the Wiregrass Community Chorus.

The Silver Wings Band is under the leadership of its Bandmaster and Commander, Warrant Officer Two Gregory S. Balvanz.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Book Fair to be held at New Brockton Elementary School December 11-15

A book fair will be held in the New Brockton Elementary School library Dec. 11-15 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The fair will open on Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. for the convenience of those who can not come during school hours. The Book Fair helps promote learning while raising money for the library. For more information, call 894-6152.

Red Cross Blood Drive planned in Enterprise for December 8th

The Enterprise Underwriters and Enterprise High School Key Club will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Dec. 8, from 2-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Main Street, Enterprise.

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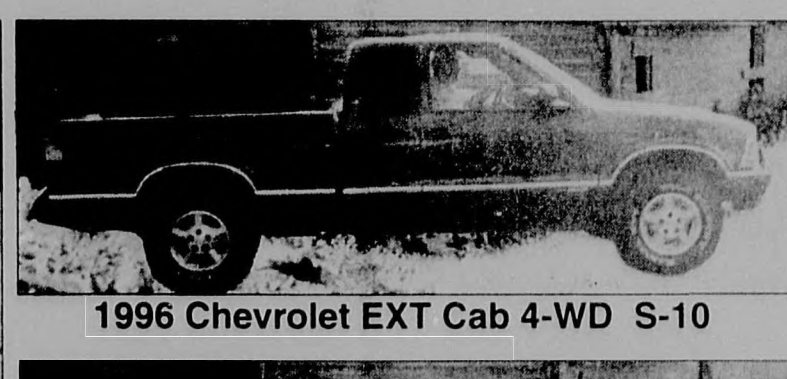
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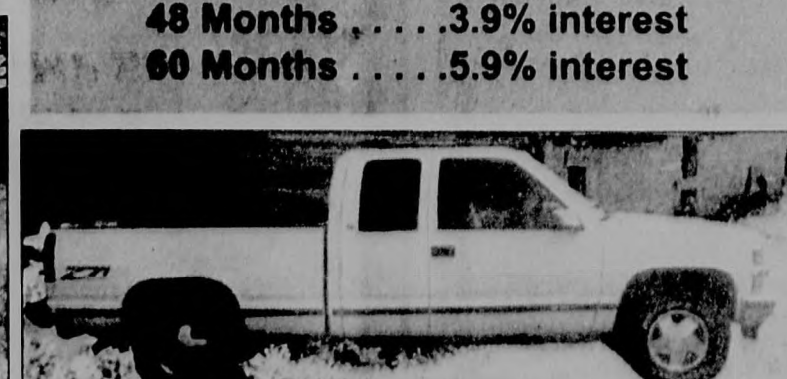
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Commissioners' express concerns on jail maintenance

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission, with a short meeting agenda and not very talkative commissioners, lasted less than thirty minutes Monday morning.

The only item on the agenda was under the heading of "new business" and that was Coffee County

Sheriff Ben Moates, or his representative, for the purpose of discussing the maintenance conditions at the county jail.

Sheriff Moates nor a representative was at the meeting at the appointed time; however, a call to the jail resulted in Jail Administrator Zack Ennis coming to the commission and giving a report to the commissioners.

"We've still got a few problems that we're working on at the jail," said Ennis.

He reported that maintenance personnel are coming down to the jail each day for four hours working on on-going maintenance problems. "We're improving on day-to-day maintenance; however, we are having problems getting in parts for commodities, etc.," said Ennis. "Over-

all, since we had the last meeting it's coming along... it's working out real well."

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the maintenance department report on the condition (maintenance wise) of the county jail at the first commission meeting in each month. He also invited any representative of the sheriff's department to do the same. Stephens' motion seconded by Commissioner Kayo Lewis passed by a unanimous vote.

During the general business session from commissioners, Commissioner Stephens requested that the budget appropriation to the forestry department for the purchase of fire fighting equipment be increased by \$200.

He explained that the equipment to be purchased costs \$200 more than was expected. The commission concurred with the request and approved the increase.

Stephens also made a formal motion for the hiring of the temporary "deputy solid waste enforcement officers." They are: Richard Patterson, Bo Sauls, Jack McIntosh, and Henry Clark. The commission approved the temporary hires.

Administrator Mobley gave the commission a report on the temporary solid waste enforcement officers' activities since they were hired on November 20th. He stated that as of December 7, a total of 34 citations have been issued for various residences. Of this total, 49 were found or determined to be abandoned, vacant or the structure was for sale. The commission office has received 123 responses - called in to verify compliance or requested an application for garbage collection service - 35 have returned their enrollment since Nov. 29.

"They (temporary enforcement officers) are working diligently working to find these people that are out of compliance," said Mobley.

In other business, the commission, at the recommendation of the landfill committee, granted credit to Circle J, a disposal company located in Troy, for use of the county's landfill.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley asked that the commission send out bid requests for a new server and the appropriate software for the computer system used by the Revenue Commissioner's mapping.

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NOTICE

Veterans who have been laid off by Dorsey Trailers or any other business and do not have any medical insurance may be eligible for medical care in the VA Healthcare System. For more information, please contact the local Veterans Affairs Office, in Coffee County, contact Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop by the office located in the Coffee County Office Complex in New Brockton.

Area Happenings

CHRISTMAS STORY TIME. The Elba Public Library will be sponsoring Christmas Story Time on Tuesday, December 19, 2000. Children ages 4 through 8 years old are asked to come at 4:30 and stay until 5:00 p.m. Children ages 9 through 11 years old are asked to come at 5:00 p.m. and stay until 5:30. It has been requested that this group of children bring with them a green 2 liter bottle cap with no writing on it.

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER PLANNED. On Saturday night, Dec. 30, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a New Year's Eve dinner party at National Security's Conference Center beginning at 7 p.m. Prime Rib with all the trimmings will be served. Space is limited, so call the Chamber office today at 897-3125 to make reservations. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will be open on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays during the month of December.

Elba City Council holds two-in-one meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held both December meetings Monday evening, clearing the way for all to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

At the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes the council tabled any discussion on revising the hunting inside the city limits ordinance and the election of city school board members.

Monthly bills totaling \$15,812.61 were approved for payment. These included \$2412.49 for vehicle repairs and maintenance; \$1350.00 quarterly dues on the NCIC computer in the police department and \$1414.87 for street patching asphalt mix.

The council then adjourned for about five minutes and reconvened for the second legally required monthly meeting.

Bids were approved on the purchase of a TV camera system to inspect city owned sewer lines. Two bids were received, with the lowest being \$23,566. The system will have two cameras, one for the larger collector sewer lines and a smaller one for the feeder lines.

The council formally accepted the recommendation of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department and named Larry Goodson as Fire Chief and Dennis Manning as Assistant Fire Chief.

Mayor Grimes told council members he wasn't ready to present the

new emergency ambulance service contract with EMS to the city council. He promised to try to get the contract ready as soon as possible.

Grimes reminded council members that the annual city employee Christmas party will be held on December 14th and that over 200 employees and dependents are already signed up to attend.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow told Councilman L. M. Burch that the city engineer had been in touch with the contractor on the Martin Luther King Drive project and a change order will be issued to correct the ditch problems. Morrow added that the change order will include sodding grass on the banks of the ditch.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Probate Judge William Gammill, Annette Griswold, Robin McKinnon, and Scotty Hunko.

act on them at the next meeting.

Dr. Linda Ingram reviewed with board members the State Report Card for the Coffee County School System as a whole and each of the schools - Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston - individually. A copy of the school's report card will be sent out to all parents along with the students' report card.

Board members also received copies for their review and Dr. Ingram made herself available for any questions that they may have after reviewing the documents.

The following personnel changes were approved. Marie Ellison's retirement as a bus driver for Zion Chapel was accepted effective December 1, 2000. Cathy White was reinstated as a full-time migrant clerk effective January 4, 2001.

Finally, the board went into a brief executive session; however, no action was taken after reconvening.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the county board of education will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the Central Office in Elba.

MacArthur Tech to hold meeting for displaced Dorsey Trailers employees

On Thursday (TODAY), Dec. 14, at 9 a.m., MacArthur State Technical College will be conducting a meeting for displaced Dorsey Trailer employees. The meeting will be held in the Student Center, which is located behind the Administration Building on Highway 331 North of Opp.

The College has received many inquiries from persons interested in enrollment. According to MacArthur Interim President Wayne Bennett, "The College is committed to helping former Dorsey employees retrain and reenter the workforce." In an effort to assist, MacArthur will have information concerning all seventeen courses of study available at the meeting. Those present will have the opportunity to participate in

guided tours through each department and speak on-one-one with instructors.

MacArthur has been informed that displaced Dorsey Trailer employees will be qualified for training benefits through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Spring semester orientation is Jan. 2, 2001. "I would strongly encourage all former employees to attend this informative meeting to explore training and career options," Bennett said. Any displaced Dorsey Trailer employee interested in training opportunities, should attend this important meeting. Those who are unable to attend the meeting would like additional information may contact Susan Dee at 493-3573, ext. 260.



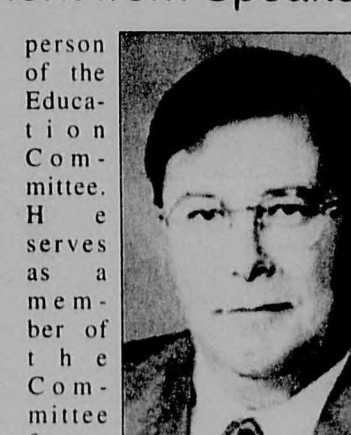
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS...The merchants of Elba, in hopes of making Christmas a little brighter for a deserving family, presented a check for \$142.36 to a representative from the Department of Human Resources, Judy Melo. There was an indication that possibly more would be added to that total. Making the presentation on behalf of the merchants to Judy Melo (right) was Jimmy Harrison (left) and Pearl Reeves (center). The monies will be used to purchase food and toys.

State Representative Terry Spicer receives appointment from Speaker

On Nov. 14, Representative Terry Spicer, Coffee County District 91, received notification from the Speaker of the House, Seth Hammett, Covington County, appointed him as chairperson of the House State Government Committee's Subcommittee on Personal Management. His appointment to the Personnel Management Subcommittee was effective immediately.

"I am very honored to receive this appointment from Speaker Hammett," said Rep. Spicer. "The chairmanship of the committee should provide additional opportunities to increase productivity levels and efficiency in state government. I look forward to working on issues that face employees of the State of Alabama."

In addition to this appointment, Spicer also serves as Vice-Chair-



Rep. Terry Spicer

Charges of assault/domestic violence dismissed against Elba police officer

Elba police officer Anthony Dozier has been cleared of pending charges of assault in the third degree by the Coffee County District Court which convened on December 5, 2000.

Officer Dozier, age 35, a resident of 104 Westfield Road, Enterprise, was arrested on October 24, 2000, on the charge of 3rd degree assault - domestic abuse. His arrest came as a result of a complaint filed by Yvonne N. Daniels, of 411 Co. Rd. 353, Elba. In the complaint Ms. Daniels alleged that Dozier, "On or about October 16, with intent to cause physical injury, choked her, hit her, pushed her down...picked her up above his head and refused to put her down."

According to Dozier's attorney, Sydney Albert (Al) Smith, the case was heard in district court in spite of affidavits filed with the Court by the complainant wanting to drop the charges. The prosecution of the case, under the "Domestic Violence Law," was assumed by the office of Attorney General Bill Pryor from 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney Mark Fuller.

After hearing sworn testimony by the complainant in open court, District Judge Steven Blair dismissed the charges against Dozier. Again, according to Dozier's attorney, both Dozier and the com-

plaintant stated that they thought the matter was over and done with, and didn't understand why they were in court after affidavits were signed to

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NEWS BRIEF

Shortly before noon Monday, the body of an Ozark woman was found in a vehicle parked in an isolated field in the Shiloh Community. The woman, identified by authorities as Annette B. Young, 32, of 209 Cherry Dr., Ozark, had been missing since Friday. The vehicle and woman was located by the landowner and a hunter who notified the Elba Police Department. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. No foul play is suspected. The incident is being investigated by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the Coroner's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. The Elba and Ozark police departments are assisting in the investigation.